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Sir:

This Submission is in response to the Final Official Action dated May 17, 2011, setting a three month period for response extending until August 17, 2011. This Submission is being filed concurrently with the submission of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and a Request for Extension of Time, extending the period for response by one month, from August 17, 2011 to September 19, 2011 (September 17, 2011 being a Saturday). If any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary additional extension of time and authorization to charge any additional extension of time fee, or any other fee that may be required to preserve the pendency of the present patent application, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present patent application.

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